



# MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # **465-2016**

## LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: October 31, 2016

SUBJECT: **TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF MAURICE GIBB PARK AND PLAYGROUND**

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to notify you that Maurice Gibb Park will be temporarily closed the week of November 7 while site assessment activities occur.

On October 19, 2012, during construction of the Sunset Harbour Pump Station Retrofit Project, an odor and sheen commonly associated with petroleum contamination was identified during excavation work in the southeast corner of Maurice Gibb Park. As a result, Miami-Dade County required the City to fully delineate the soil and groundwater contamination on the park property and to remediate areas with elevated contaminant levels. The City retained Atkins to perform the site assessment and develop a remediation plan.

In order to finalize the Site Assessment Report for the park, Bergeron, under the direction of the City and Atkins project managers, will be excavating in several locations within the southern end of the park. During this work, the City is taking the necessary precautions to ensure the public is protected from exposure to potentially contaminated groundwater and soil at the site. As such, the park, including the playground, will be closed during these activities.

The temporary closure is anticipated to last from Monday, November 7 through Thursday, November 10, with the park and playground reopening in time for Veteran's Day Weekend. During the temporary closure, residents and visitors are encouraged to visit nearby Flamingo Park on 11 Street and Jefferson Avenue.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

  
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